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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lynda Jasmin

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 38-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment received March 23, 2005 has been acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 51-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Tognazzini (5,739,512).

Tognazzini discloses a point of sale terminal (such as a merchant terminal) that generates a transaction record (digital receipt) according to a transaction with a user (col. 2, lines 40-46), and a transaction database (electronic mail box and/or smart card) accessible by a user computer that receives and stores the transaction record from the point of sale terminal over a network (col. 2, line 56 - col. 3, line 3), wherein the transaction database restrict access by the user to the transaction records corresponding to the user (since it is configured to retrieve receipt information from an electronic mail box having an electronic mail address of the corresponding customer; col. 6, lines 35-39).

Tognazzini further discloses that the point-of-sale terminal is one of a card reader (via card reader for reading customer cards). The transaction record includes at least

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one of a price, a product a service, a payment method and an electronically captured signature (as illustrated in Figure 4).

Tognazzini, in another embodiment, further discloses that the transaction database stores a plurality of transaction records associated with a plurality of users (via a central computer; col. 3, lines 28-38). The transaction database allows the user to search the transaction records relevant to the user (col. 3, lines 15-20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 38-50, 56 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tognazzini (5,739,512), in view of Francini (EU 0474 360 A2)

Tognazzini discloses a method with the steps of receiving a transaction record, the transaction record corresponding to a user (via a customer digital receipt), storing the transaction record in a transaction database (via digital delivery of customer receipt to a user's electronic mail box and/or a user's smart card for later retrieval) which includes a plurality of transaction record (since smart cards store a wide variety of information in digital format; col. 1, lines 48-55; col. 3, lines 4-8), providing access by a user computer to the transaction record in the transaction database (col. 2, lines 63-65), wherein the transaction database restrict access by the user to the transaction records

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corresponding to the user (since it is configured to retrieve receipt information from an electronic mail box having an electronic mail address to the corresponding customer; col. 6, lines 35-39), and allowing the user to search the transaction records relevant to the user (col. 3, lines 15-20).

Tognazzini further discloses the step of providing an image of the transaction record to the user (as illustrated in Figure 4), forwarding a copy of the transaction record to a merchant involved in the transaction (via sending to the electronic mail box of the person who prepares the travel voucher such a merchant or agent, a copy of the receipt), and providing remote access to a merchant to the transaction database (via electronic mail box; col. 5, lines 12-16).

Tognazzini further discloses the step of the transaction database restricting access by the merchant to the transaction records corresponding to the merchant (via retrieving receipt information from an electronic mail box having an electronic mail address of the corresponding merchant).

Tognazzini further discloses providing remote access by a plurality of users to the transaction database (via plurality of merchant and a plurality of customers remotely accessing a central computer via a network), and restricting the access to corresponding role by defined user (i.e. email address), where the role is one of a manager an administrator (col. 3, lines 9-38), where the manager includes access to the transaction database that is restricted to viewing the transaction records relevant to the plurality of user (via providing electronic copy of receipt to merchant (col. 5, lines 12-15).

Tognazzini further discloses compiling the transaction records relevant to the user into a bill, wherein the bill is a summary of the transaction records (via utilized to formulate an expense report; col. 6, lines 61-65)

Tognazzini however fails to explicitly disclose electronically captured signature from the point of sale and sending transaction record based on request made by the user.

Francini discloses the concept of validating transaction employing electronic receipt having means for electronically capturing data, supplied by the customer including electronically capturing customer signature using a combination of a CRT and light pen (col. 2, lines 28-37). Francini further discloses cardholder disputing a bill on his statement and contact the issuer. From this teaching of Francini, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the generation of digital receipt of Tognazzini to include the electronically captured signature taught by Francini in order to facilitate validation of transaction record.

As per claim 46, although the Tognazzini and Francini combination does not explicitly disclose the role of a guest restricted to viewing the transaction records relevant only to the user or sending a user via email. However it is common in art to allow partial sharing of transaction information based on a viewing privilege of specific user, and to transmit communication via email. Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the Tognazzini in view of Francini with the concept of sharing via online access of specific

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data information since such would facilitate sharing of transaction with a friend and/or a financial advisor.

As per claims 56 and 57, Francini discloses the concept of having the transaction database transmits information (such as transaction record) to the point-of-sale terminal for display at the point-of-sale terminal (via CRT screen col. 7, lines 15-23). From this teaching of Francini, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the processing of purchase transactions over the network of Tognazzini to include the display of transaction data in order to facilitate validation of the transaction.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 38-57 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any


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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda Jasmin whose telephone number is (571) 272-6782. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday (9:30-6:00) with Increased Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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